



March 5, 2020

Dear Temple B'nai Israel Community,

Like many of you, we are concerned about the current situation regarding the coronavirus pandemic, also known as COVID-19. The Temple B'nai Israel board of trustees has increased the disinfectant cleaning of the facility and is ready with a contingency plan, now operational at Level 1, for situations of this kind:

Level 1: Minimize spread of possible infectious disease:

Reminding all to:

- Wash hands more frequently
- Use hand sanitizer in public spaces
- Coughing/sneezing into tissue or elbow
- If you experience flu-like symptoms, stay home

When available, seek your doctor's advice on how/when to take the vaccine.
Pay close attention to [CDC](#) or updates.

Level 2: First case(s) in Bay County being confirmed:

Congregants age 70 and over or have a weakened immune system are advised not to come to the building. We will post services online.

Congregants and students are requested to leave an empty seat next to each family group. Sit in alternate rows if possible.

Pay attention to [CDC](#) and Florida Department of Health for instances occurring in our community.

Level 3: Based on guidance from [Florida Department of Health](#) and CDC:

Cancel religious school classes.

Cancel scheduled services and events.

Conduct services and meetings online, in virtual mode.
Pay close attention to the COVID-19 situation via:

- [CDC](#)
- [Florida Department of Health](#)
- [Bay County Health Department](#)

The safety and well-being of all of our community members is of our highest priority and we will continue to monitor the situation.

Shalom,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Goetz". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "R" and a cursive "Goetz" following.

Robert Goetz
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